

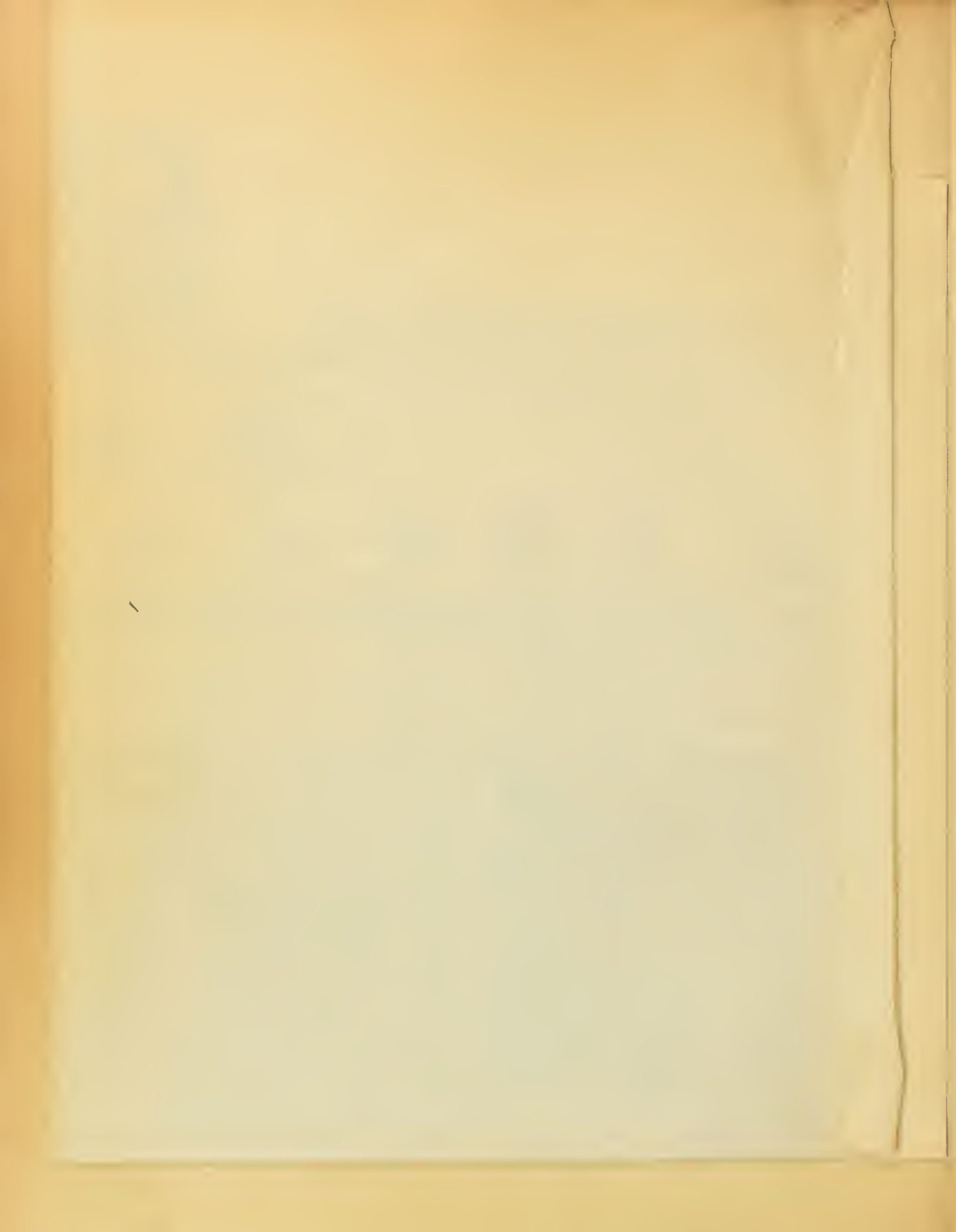
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By the Queen,
A PROCLAMATION,

For Settling and Ascertaining the Current Rates of
Foreign Coins in Her Majesties Colonies and
Plantations in *America*.

A N N E R.



WE HAVING had under
Our Consideration the
different Rates at
which the same Species
of Foreign Coins do
Pass in Our several
Colonies and Planta-
tions in *America*, and the Inconveniences
thereof, by the indirect Practice of Draw-
ing the Money from one Plantation to an-
other, to the great Prejudice of the Trade of
Our Subjects; And being Sensible, That the
same cannot be otherwise Remedied, than
by Reducing of all Foreign Coins to the

same Current Rate within all Our Dominions in America; And the Principle Officers of Our Mint having laid before Us a Table of the Value of the several Foreign Coins which usually Pass in Payments in Our said Plantations, according to their Weight, and the Assays made of them in Our Mint, thereby shewing the just Proportion which each Coin ought to have to the other, which is as followeth, viz. Sevill Pieces of Eight, Old Plate, Seventeen Penny-weight Twelve Grains, Four Shillings and Six Pence; Sevill Pieces of Eight, New Plate, Fourteen Penny-weight, Three Shillings Seven Pence One Farthing; Mexico Pieces of Eight, Seventeen Penny-weight Twelve Grains, Four Shillings and Six Pence; Pillar Pieces of Eight, Seventeen Penny-weight Twelve Grains, Four Shillings and Six Pence Three Farthings; Peru Pieces of Eight, Old Plate, Seventeen Penny-

weight Twelve Grains, Four Shillings and Five Pence, or thereabouts; Cross Dollars, Eighteen Penny-weight, Four Shillings and Four Pence Three Farthings; Ducatoons of Flanders, Twenty Penny-weight and Twenty one Grains, Five Shillings and Six Pence; Ecu's of France, or Silver Lewis, Seventeen Penny-weight Twelve Grains, Four Shillings and Six Pence, Crusadoes of Portugal, Eleven Penny-weight Four Grains, Two Shillings and Ten Pence One Farthing; Three Gilder Pieces of Holland, Twenty Penny-weight and Seven Grains, Five Shillings and Two Pence One Farthing; Old Rix Dollars of the Empire, Eighteen Penny-weight and Ten Grains, Four Shillings and Six Pence; The Half, Quarters, and other parts in Proportion to their Denominations, and Light Pieces in Proportion to their Weight: We have therefore thought fit

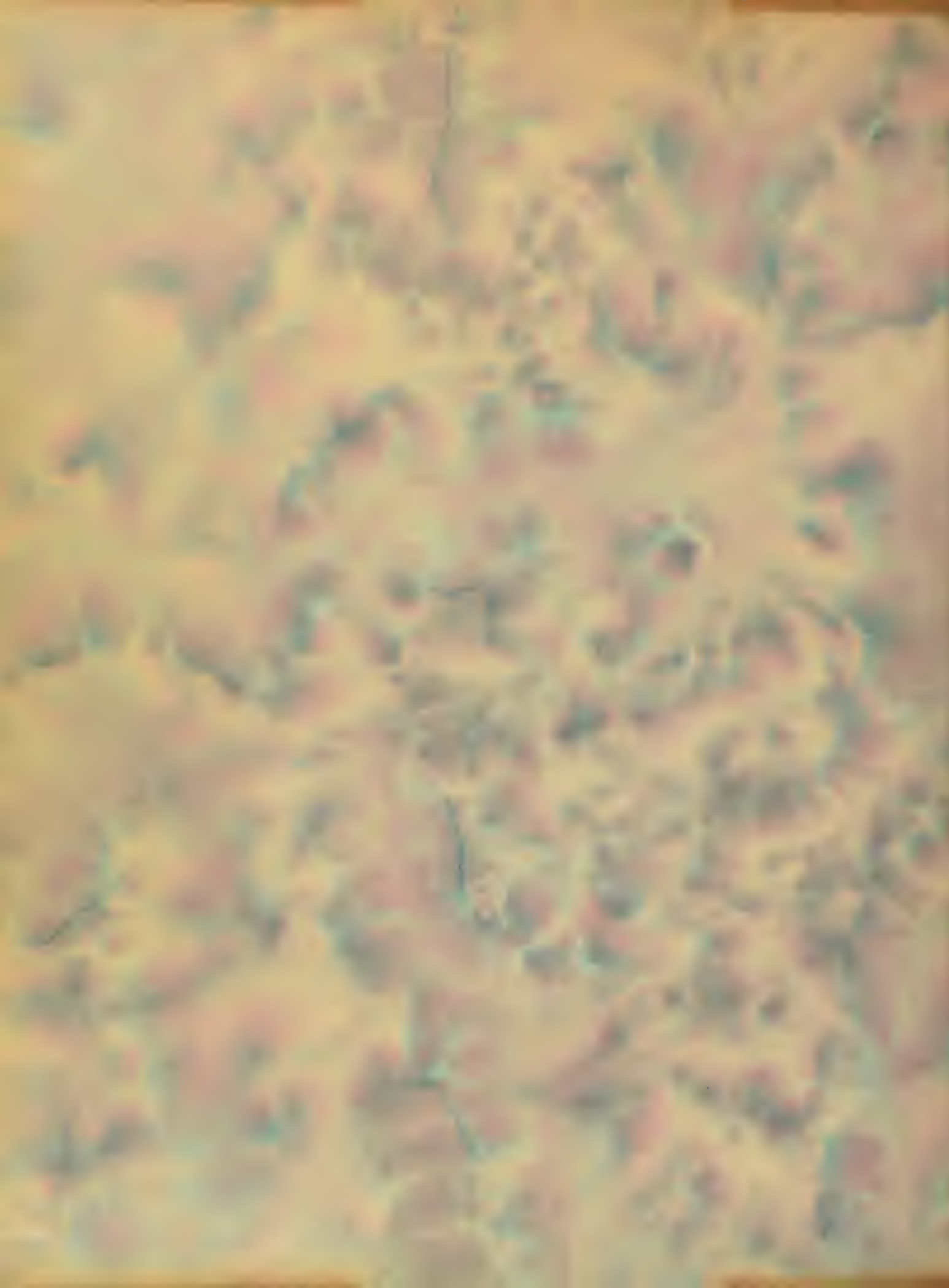
for Remedying the said Inconveniencies, by the Advice of Our Council, to Publish and Declare, That from and after the First Day of January next ensuing the Date hereof, no Sevill, Pillar, or Mexico Pieces of Eight, though of the full Weight of Seventeen Peny-weight and an half, shall be Accounted, Received, Taken, or Paid Within any of Our said Colonies or Plantations, as well those under Proprietors and Charters, as under Our immediate Commission and Government, at above the Rate of Six Shillings per Piece Current Money, for the Discharge of any Contracts or Bargains to be made after the said First Day of January next, the Halfs, Quarters, and other lesser Pieces of the same Coins to be Accounted, Received, Taken, or Paid in the same Proportion: And the Currency of all Pieces of Eight of Peru, Dollars, and other Foreign

Species of Silver Coins, whether of the same or Baser Alloy, shall, after the said First Day of January next, stand Regulated, according to their Weight and Fineness, according and in Proportion to the Rate before Limited and Set for the Pieces of Eight of Seville, Pillar and Mexico; So that no Foreign Silver Coin of any sort be permitted to Exceed the same Proportion upon any Account whatsoever. And We do hereby Require and Command all Our Governours, Lieutenant-Governours, Magistrates, Officers, and all other Our good Subjects, within Our said Colonies and Plantations, to Observe and Obey Our Directions herein, as they Tender Our Displeasure.

Given at Our Castle at *Windsor*, the Eighteenth Day of *June*, 1704. In the Third Year of Our Reign.

God Save the Queen.

London, Printed by *Charles Bill*, and the Executrix of *Thomas Newcomb*, deceas'd; Printers to the Queens most Excellent Majesty. 1704.



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